



OPerational SECurity For Families

*Protect Your Soldier,
Protect Your Family
Practice OP SEC*



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What Is OPSEC?

OPSEC is being aware of how we do and say things.

Recognizing that someone may take advantage of information they learn from us, for their benefit and our detriment.

We need to change how we do things to avoid being taken advantage of.



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How to Practice OPSEC

❖ **Identify Critical Information**

Home Life, Family Routine, Unit Location, Unit Mission, etc.

❖ **Analyze**

Can it hurt the Unit?

Can it hurt my Soldier?

Can it hurt me?

Can it hurt my Family?



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Think About It....

Have you ever taken precautions against:

- **Burglary – while on vacation**
- **Stealing your purse while shopping**
 - **Credit card fraud**
 - **Identity theft**

YOU HAVE PRACTICED OPSEC!



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BE ALERT!

It is possible and not unprecedented for spouses and family members of US military personnel to be targeted for intelligence collection.

This is true in the United States and especially true overseas.



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Practicing OPSEC

Before sending an email or making a phone call

Before speaking or writing

ASK YOURSELF

Will this hurt my Soldier?

Will this hurt my Family?



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HMMM.....

- ❖ Do I want strangers to know my Soldier's location?
- ❖ Do I want strangers to know my Soldier's mission?
- ❖ Do I want strangers to know my Soldier is overseas & I'm home alone?
- ❖ Do I want strangers to know my children are home alone before & after school?



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Things It's Better to Not Know During a Deployment

Many times your Soldier can not discuss specifics of the mission

- Flight schedules
 - FOB locations
 - TDY locations
- Installation Activities
 - Convoy Routes
 - Etc.



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Loose Lips....

An old cliché that is timeless

By being a military family member you will often be aware of some bits of critical information.

Do not discuss them outside of your immediate family AND especially not over the phone.



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Did You Know?

- ❖ Data can be collected from cordless and cellular phones?
- ❖ From baby monitors?
- ❖ From ANYONE you tell?
- ❖ From email?
- ❖ From the Internet?
- ❖ From *wireless* Internet connections

AVOID INTERNET CHAT ROOMS



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Who to Notify

***If anyone persistently seeks information
about your Soldier***

OR

***If someone unknown approaches you with
the pretext of having/needing information
or confirmation***

CALL

1-800-492-8477

HOMELAND SECURITY HOTLINE



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OPSEC IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

**All Family Members Are Part Of
The National Guard's OPSEC
Team.**

**They Need To Protect
Information To Ensure The
Safety Of All Our Soldiers',
Civilians' And Military Families.**



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